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Alleged insecurity of teachers in educational institutions.

*1908 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several representations have been made to the Government that the present want of security of tenure for teachers in educational institutions under private management and under local bodies leads to several difficulties and inconveniences; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before the Government for securing some satisfactory arrangement regarding the question referred to in (*a*) and if so, at what stage that consideration is and when a final decision may be expected?

A.—(*a*) Representations have been made to Government on the subject.

(*b*) The matter is under reference to the Director of Public Instruction and the Government hope to pass orders as early as possible.

Local Boards

Alleged signing of District Board bills by the Deputy Collector, Nilgiris.

*1909 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Collector, Ootacamund, Nilgiris, signs papers, bills and cheques on behalf of the Nilgiris District Board in spite of the fact that the Board has a President as well as Vice-President;

(*b*) if so, under what authority and why;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there are only nine other elected members of the board as against thirteen consisting of Europeans, planters and nominated European officers including the Collector;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the three nominated members consisting of the Anglo-Indian, Muhammadan and depressed class representatives almost always side with the planter *cum* official block;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that rural interests of Nilgiris district do not in consequence find expression in the District Board; and

(*f*) what measures Government propose to take to rectify this state of affairs?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) ......

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I know whether the Government cannot get the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I do not know if any purpose will be served by obtaining the information."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"Is not the hon Minister aware that these local boards are intended to be a sort of training ground for non-officials, and such being the case, why should an official continue to do business there?"

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The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Nilgiri District Board differs in many respects from other boards. Evidently, the hon. Member is not aware of it."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Even then, it need not be so different as to avoid giving a chance to non-officials to get familiar with works. As regards question (*f*), what is the answer, Sir? I find here only some dots?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Government do not propose to take any action."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" I see; I shall hereafter understand it so?"

Issue of licences to buses by district board presidents.

*1910 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued a Government Order that a district board president cannot refuse licences to buses that propose to run on the roads in his district; and if not, what the Government orders are;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, has refused to renew the licences to some buses for 1929-30, though the said buses were running during the current official year under district board licences;

(*c*) whether complaints have been made to Government that this refusal of renewal of licences is causing enormous loss to the owners of these buses who have purchased them only last year; and what orders have been passed thereon; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to issue orders to the Special Officer, Kistna District Board, to renew licences to all persons who had such licences during the current year?

A.—(*a*) A copy of G.O. No. 1194, L. & M., dated 30th March 1927 [a], is laid on the table.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) & (*d*) No.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether it has come to the knowledge of Government that several District Board Presidents are not acting in accordance with the Government Order referred to in (*a*) of the answer?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I am not aware of any such omission."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Will the hon. Minister please make an enquiry into this matter and see if any steps are necessary to amend the Local Boards Act in this respect?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The new Local Boards Act is going to contain a provision with regard to it."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Will he be pleased to call for information on the point raised in clause (*b*)?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think any purpose will be served by calling for the information."

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